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SUBJECT: UNGA DISARMAMENT: PRC AND UK VIEWS ON SWEDISH PROPOSAL
FOR REVIEW OF UN ROLE IN DISARMAMENT

1. CHEN (CHINA) APPROACHED US DELOFF ON NOVEMBER 17 TO
ASK ABOUT US VIEWS ON REVISED VERSION OF SWEDISH DRAFT
RESOLUTION CALLING FOR REVIEW OF THE UN'S ROLE IN DIS-
ARMAMENT. DELOFF REPLIED THAT WE DID NOT YET HAVE
INSTRUCTIONS ON RESOLUTION, BUT THAT, IN ADDITION TO OUR
CONTINUED DOUBT CONCERNING UTILITY AND PURPOSE OF PROPOSAL,
NEW VERSION ENVISAGES ESTABLISHMENT OF OPEN-ENDED COMMITTEE
RATHER THAN ONE OF LIMITED MEMBERSHIP AND SPECIFICALLY
CALLS ON SECRETARY GENERAL TO INCREASE UN DISARMAMENT
DIVISION, INCLUDING ADDITION OF ADDITIONAL NECESSARY STAFF.
DELOFF NOTED THAT SWEDISH STATEMENT NOVEMBER 14 HAD
EXPLAINED THAT AD HOC COMMITTEE SHOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH
CCD'S EFFORTS TO IMPROVE ITS OWN PROCUDURES BUT ADDED
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THAT US REAMINED CONCERNED OVER IMPLICATIONS FOR CCD

OF REVIEW BY GROUP WITH DIVERSE AND AMBIGUOUS MANDATE.

2. DELOFF ASKED CHEN WHETHER CHINESE HAD REACHED A POSITION ON THE PROPOSAL. CHEN SAID HE HAD NOT RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS, BUT HE CITED GENERAL POSITION OF OPPOSITION TO ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW UN COMMITTEES AND "WELL KNOWN VIEWS" OF CHINA ON DISARMAMENT DISCUSSIONS AND FORUMS. FROM THESE POSITIONS, HE SAID, IT FOLLOWS THAT CHINA COULD NOT SUPPORT SWEDISH PROPOSAL, NOR WOULD IT PARTICIPATE IN WORK OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE. CHEN EXPRESSED SUSPICION ABOUT THE MOTIVES BEHIND THE PROPLSAL, ALLGEING THAT IT DID NOT HAVE EXTENSIVE NON-ALIGNED SUPPORT AND WONDERING ALOUD WHO WAS REALLY BEHIND IT.

3. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH SAME DELOFF, WHITE (UK) EXPRESSED CONTINUING UK CONCERN OVER IMPLICATIONS OF SW-EDISH PROPOSAL FOR CCD, SEEING IT AS FIRST STEP ON SLIPPERY SLOPE TOWARD REPLACEMENT OF CCD BY A NEW BODY UNDER DIRECT UN SUPERVISION.
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